

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 29 with the following amended paragraph.

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Products 92 are priced according to a final regression equation 98 generated from supplier inputs, as described above. A per unit price 100 and an item total price 102 are displayed. Coefficients 103~~Coefficients 100~~ of final regression equation 98 are displayed on the user interface and are the subject of actual bids by the suppliers. A total bid 104 for all items desired is also displayed. Total bid 104 is generated by server 12 using the final regression equation for the individual items, multiplying by a quantity of each item, and adding the item totals to obtain the total bid. In an alternative embodiment, bid sheet 90 is a spread sheet that includes the appropriate equations to generate total bid 104. Bid sheet 90, in one embodiment, is utilized to provide example product pricing to suppliers so they can view the effects of bidding various values. When a new value is entered for the particular items, individual transformer prices are updated, as well as the total package price to reflect the newly calculated equation values.